

**South West Regional DCFS Child Welfare  
Quality Improvement Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
06 June 2016  
12:00 1:00 p.m.**

**Mission Statement:**

The Southwest Region Quality Improvement Committee (QIC), working in partnership with the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS), advocate for the client well-being by identifying areas of Improvement and promoting changes within the child welfare system

**Attending:** ST. George – Ben Ashcraft, Kelly Stapley, Martha Beacco, Lindsey Boyer, Karen Goff, Gloria Schow

Cedar City – Tara Taysom, Amy Bates

**Excused:** School Counselors, Tami Fullerton, Lori Orton

**Visitors:**

**Introductions/News/Announcements:**

**Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Approve – Kelly Stapley 1<sup>st</sup>, Lindsey Boyer 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Committee Member Reports:**

A. CJC:

B. C.A.S.A.:

C. **Utah Foster Care:** Successful in graduating the contracted number of Foster Parents for 2015-2016 Utah Foster Care Foundation is still looking for Families. Ben has interviewed over a 100 families in ST. George out that ½ will take the training. Only 60-70% will even complete the training and Graduate. Approximately 20 of those will get licensed.  
It's a process to get licensed, a lot of families wait to get their BCI/Finger Prints in or done, having to find and pay for CPR/First Aid, Immunizations etc.  
Question: Is there a follow up? Maybe look at doing a Survey with Families.  
So disjointed in the process – Families have to go one place for Immunizations, another for CPS, First Aid, going to training, getting Medicals done, families also need to be invested at the right time and place.  
How are children going to be in a placement if families are not invested?  
There isn't a lot of support and the State is asking a lot of these families.  
Families may also not have a lot of time to be in all the places they need to be.  
36 hrs. of training, Webinars, First Aid/CPR etc...  
What about a visual out line of what Foster Parents need to have done? There is a check list.  
Classes are the biggest hang-up  
Families have 2 yr. commitment in getting classes done.  
When Families have 1 or 2 classes to finish up Cliff and Denise have been good to do individual classes.  
UFCF has been trying to hone in on the internet and target certain age group on Facebook.  
Those that call the UFCF are the best resources.

D. DJJS:

E. **School District:** School Starts 11 Aug. 2016

F. **Community Members:** Gloria Schow is resigning her position as a QIC Member

**G. DCFS:**

**H. Paiute Tribe:** Tara reported that they are having a Restoration Gathering Pow Wow this weekend Friday – Sunday 10-12 June. Starts at 4:00 p.m. on Friday and ends Sunday afternoon.

## **The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah: Annual Restoration Pow-Wow**

(Tribal Building/Grounds) 440 N. Paiute Dr., Cedar City, UT 84720

*Event is Open to the Community*

June 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>:** 4pm – approximately 9pm  
(Tribal Building/Grounds) Grand Entry at 5pm

**Note: Royalty Pageant 7pm @ Heritage Center, Cedar City, UT. (Next to Lin's)**

**Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>:** ALL DAY  
Cedar City Main Street Parade – 8am  
(Tribal Building/Grounds) 1pm Grand Entry

**Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>:** 1/2 Day  
(Tribal Building/ Grounds) 11am Grand Entry

There will be a lot of vendors and booths available during the pow-wow as well; this event is open to the community. Please come enjoy this rich culture with us!

### **AGENDA:**

1. QIC appreciation Luncheon.  
Wednesday 29 June 2016  
3 Locations: ST. George Office, Cedar City Festival Hall, Richfield  
These area's will have ST. George/Kanab, Cedar City/Beaver & Panguitch, Richfield/Manti  
There has not been a very good response on nominations so the Committee is sending one more reminder out.

#### **Action Items:**

Ben and Dave will help in ST. George, Amy Bates will help in Cedar and Ben will speak with Marissa in Richfield to help there.

Kelly will remind the Leadership Team at SWLT on Thursday 09 June 16.

Martha will e-mail Pam Smith and Tina Lloyd to schedule the Festival Hall

Tara will get the Medals made

Ben will send out an e-mail to the Foster Parents and the other UFCF Workers to send e-mails for Nominations from the Community. All Nominations have to be in by **17 June.**

Ben will send all information to Tara to have Medals engraved **Monday 20 June.**

Martha will send an e-mail to the QIC Committee for Nominations.

We will have –

Easy Lasagna, Salad w/Ranch, Rolls w/butter Water, Dessert

2. Look at identifying Community Members  
Amy Bates has a few people that she will contact to attend QIC in Cedar  
Lindsey Boyer has a few people that she gave Martha correct information to contact.  
Shelley Teeple - [Shelley.teeples@washco.utah.gov](mailto:Shelley.teeples@washco.utah.gov)  
Laura Bartschi - [famsupportofwc@gmail.com](mailto:famsupportofwc@gmail.com)

**To be continued.**

3. DCFS: Internal Nominations – How is our response at this point? Do we need another e-mail to go out? We only have 3 weeks.
4. CW roles and responsibilities. Early onset; CW be proactive in sharing process, opportunities and outcomes with parents. Many parents do not know what is happening, have no resource for self-help, and fall behind as case moves forward creating, unintentionally, their worst case scenario. A parents "Bill of Rights" - or need to know what is happening could easily be provided by CW. Impacts access to services, reinforces home works, could reduce case hours and speed reunification or other options.
5. Evidence based practices: CW could be monitoring, reporting this
6. CW/CASA info exchanges; Future app. Appropriate Co-op would aid many cases. DCFS Supervisors, SAs and GALs would collaborate to set parameters
7. UFACET (SP?) This looks like a baseline Eval and reporting tool. If used properly it would give all players, including parents, service providers and school a common base data set to expand from. If all players understood the criteria it should be easy to implement and act as a refining tool.

**UP COMING PRESENTERS:**

- Christina Oliekan 1 Aug. 16 (She teaches at the Hurricane Middle School, working with special needs students).
- Cheryl Dalley 3 Oct. 16 (Fatality Review)

**DISMISS:** 1:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**           **No Meeting in July**  
                                  **01 Aug.**  
                                  **12 Sept.**  
                                  **03 Oct.**  
                                  **07 Nov.**  
                                  **No Meeting in Dec.**

**Next Meeting: 01 Aug. 2016**

**Public Comments** (brief mention of items that may be included on future agenda's)

**QIC Website:** QIC website at <http://www.utahqic.utah.gov/>. --Carol Miller

**Report Child Abuse**

24-Hour Reporting Hotline  
1-855-323-3237